

1.0G. ACCENTS AND OTHER DIACRITICAL MARKS.

~~In French, Portuguese, and Spanish do not transcribe or add accent marks over letters that are transcribed in their capitalized form. (Note: The Spanish letter Ñ is transcribed as found since it is a separate letter of the Spanish alphabet.) For books published before 1801, retain an accent found in the source being transcribed, but do not add one not present. Apply these guidelines also to headings, as appropriate.~~

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Note: Prior to January 2006 catalogers did not add a diacritic to initial capital letters in French, Spanish, and Portuguese. This exception no longer applies. With respect to capital letters appearing at the beginning of names or words, add diacritics according to the usage of the language. When in current cataloging a change is otherwise needed to an existing bibliographic or name authority record in these languages, catalogers are asked to add the diacritic at the same time.

With respect to acronyms, initialisms (including single capital letters used in names), do not systematically add the accent. Instead:

- 1) for purposes of transcription, follow the usage as found in the data;
- 2) for purposes of establishing the authorized form of a corporate name, follow the usage as found on the body's own publications.